

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 Attention: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (66-1700)

DATE: 7/23/56 233099

SUBJECT: OBSCENE RECORDING ALLEGEDLY
 MADE BY DEAN MARTIN [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (ACTORS)
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
 OBSCENE MATTER

b6
b7C

[REDACTED] the Traffic Department, Universal Recorders, 6751 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, who has been used as a general source of information and who has furnished reliable information in the past, confidentially advised SA LESLIE F. WARREN on May 22, 1956, that DEAN MARTIN [REDACTED] had allegedly made an obscene recording during the cutting of a sound track, advertising a motion picture film, "The Caddy," in which they appeared and which was produced at Paramount Studios, Hollywood, California, about one and one half years ago. The obscene portions of the sound track were supposed to have been destroyed but someone unknown to [REDACTED] made recordings of same which were known to her to have circulated in the Hollywood area for personal amusement. [REDACTED] added that she did not know of any specific commercial traffic in this recording and that it originally came to her attention approximately eighteen months ago and in her opinion was "very obscene."

[REDACTED] continued on May 22, 1956, that [REDACTED] Monarch Records, 4852 West Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was known to have had a "pressing" of this record and was supposed to have destroyed it. However, [REDACTED] learned that he still had a master pressing of the record in approximately February of 1956. She said that she learned this through conversations with one of the employees of [REDACTED]. She stated that she had no knowledge that [REDACTED] was selling the record but got the impression that he was making it available to certain individuals for their own amusement and that it was possible that he could be selling it. Furthermore, she would attempt to secure a copy of this record discreetly from Monarch Records and advise accordingly.

b6
b7C

ENCLOSURE

- ③ - Bureau
 (1 - FBI Laboratory) (Enc.)
 1 - Los Angeles

LEW:EBB

(4)

SE 47

JUL 27 1956

RECORDED - 91

INDEXED - 91

63 AUG 10 1956

COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LA
FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT

LA 66-1700

On July 17, 1956, [] advised Agent WARREN that her attempts to secure a copy of the record from Monarch Records had been unsuccessful and that her sources were sure that the record had been destroyed. She said, however, that she was successful in getting a copy of this record from another source.

b6
b7C

On July 18, 1956, [] personally made available to Agent WARREN a copy of the record which she stated was obtained in the following manner:

A few days previous [] of the Batton, Barton, Durstine and Osborn Advertising Agency a good client of Universal Recorders, was having some recording done at this company and requested one of the engineers at Universal Recorders to "cut a couple of sides" for him on the quiet. This engineer advised [] that the recording which [] desired to have copies made was the same recording which had allegedly been made by MARTIN [] authorized the engineer to go ahead and make a copy of the record in question and at the same time unknown to [] cut an extra copy which she turned over to Agent WARREN.

b6
b7C

[] stated that Universal Recorders does not condone the making of records of this type under normal circumstances. She said the record had been cut at a reduced speed, 33 1/3 RPM, in order to get it all on one side and that normally it was a 78 RPM and had appeared on two sides, each running approximately three minutes. She said the recording bore no title or label. [] further said that she did not wish the recording returned and that it might be destroyed after its purpose had been served. She reiterated that her confidence be maintained in this matter.

[] mentioned that in her opinion, based on her personal knowledge of [] that he had secured a copy of the record for his own person amusement and did not believe that he would attempt to commercialize same. She said she did not know where he had obtained the record but the copy was made at his request.

b6
b7C

An unidentified pretext telephone call to Monarch Records, 4852 West Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone Republic 2-9151, by SA WARREN on July 19, 1956, disclosed that [] of Monarch Records with []

LA 66-1700

The current Los Angeles Central Telephone Directory lists one [redacted] as residing at [redacted] telephone [redacted]. Also it lists one [redacted] residing at [redacted]. This directory lists the Batton, Barton, Durstine and Osborn Advertising Agency offices at 1680 North Vine Street, telephone Hollywood 2-6723, and 6363 Wilshire Boulevard, telephone Webster 1-1234.

The Los Angeles Office indices do not disclose any record identifiable with Monarch Records, [redacted] on the basis of available information. The names of DEAN MARTIN [redacted] do appear in the Los Angeles indices but nothing pertinent to this matter was located.

b6
b7c

INSTRUCTIONS TO FBI LABORATORY

Enclosed is a tape recording copy of the above record which was made by the Los Angeles Office from the recording furnished by [redacted]. This latter record will be retained in the Los Angeles Office until this matter is logically concluded at which time it will be destroyed UACB.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search the indices of the Obscene Matter Files to determine whether or not any reference is made to any commercial traffic in the above recording and advise interested offices accordingly.

The reply to this letter should be directed to the personal attention of the SAC marked PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

DISPOSITION OF ENCLOSURE

The FBI Laboratory may retain the enclosed tape recording for their files.

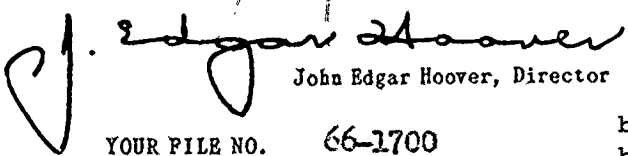
REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 10, 1956

To: SAC, Los Angeles

Personal and Confidential

Re: OBSCENE RECORDING ALLEGEDLY MADE
BY LINA MARTIN
 (ACTRESS)
 ITOM


 John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 66-1700
 FBI FILE NO.
 LAB. NO. D-233099 AX

b6
b7C

Examination requested by: Los Angeles
 Reference: Letter 7/23/56
 Examination requested: Document
 Specimen:

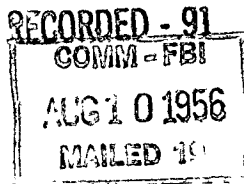
Q1 One obscene tape recording.

Results of Examination:

Specimen Q1 was not identified with any of the material contained in the Obscene File.

It is noted that your letter of 7/23/56, states that the record from which the tape recording, Q1, was made would be retained in your office until this matter had been logically concluded at which time it would be destroyed. The record should not be destroyed by your office but should be forwarded to the Laboratory for appropriate disposition at such time as it is of no further value in this matter.

Specimen Q1 is retained in the Laboratory's files.



Tolson _____
 Nichols _____
 Boardman _____
 Belmont _____
 Mason _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Nease _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

JGC:DH (4)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

7-2

Laboratory Work Sheet

Rpt to SAC-P+C

Re:

File # *145-805-2*
Lab. # *D-233099AX*

Examination requested by:

Date of reference communication:

Date received: *7/27/56*

Examination requested:

2-Jer

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

[Redacted box]

*Q1 no ident. Send in record after this
matter concl for no to destroy*

b6
b7C

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 One obscene tape recording

*Lab report
8-19-56
JCC/ldh*

OCTOBER 30, 1956

WESTERN UNION

3
NIGHT LETTER

RECORDED - 7

INDEXED - 7

MR. ROBERT W. YOUNG
GOVERNOR
DISTRICT 14
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
5514 YORK BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES 42, CALIFORNIA

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR WIRE DEEPLY REGRET TO ADVISE NOT POSSIBLE TO
OF
BE/ ASSISTANCE DUE TO CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF FBI FILES. NO INFERENCE
SHOULD BE MADE THAT WE DO OR DO NOT HAVE REQUESTED DATA. CONFIDENT
YOU WILL APPRECIATE MY POSITION.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NOTE: There are no references in Bufiles identifiable with Robert W. Young. Bufiles show that [redacted] Dean Martin, are alleged to have made a series of remarks considered very obscene which were cut on the sound track of a "trailer" advertising the motion picture film, "The Caddy," in which they appear. While the portion of the sound track was deleted, it was surreptitiously obtained by some employees of Paramount Studios and later re-recorded. There has been no indication to date that it has been made a commercial item. (145-805) One [redacted] New York Office, when interviewed by Agents in November, 1955, advised that among the persons of homosexual inclination with whom he is constantly associated, there was

considerable information to the effect that Dean Martin [redacted] homosexuals. [redacted] informant produced a list of some of the most popular names in show business concerning whom he made similar allegations.

Tolson
Boardman
Nichols
Belmont
Harbo
Mohr
Parsons
Rosen
Tamm
Sizoo
Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Holloman
Gandy

RGE:jac

(3)

OCT 30 1956

WESTERN UNION

67 NOV 5 1956

INITIALED
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCT 29 1956

WESTERN UNION

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WUC023 ED AR

LOS ANGELES CALIF OCT 29 1956 1116AMP

OFFICE OF J EDGAR HOOVER

F B I

[REDACTED] WELL KNOWN TV STAR HAS BEEN SELECTED TO
RECEIVE THE MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE 151 CLUBS
OF THE 14TH DISTRICT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL. INASMUCH
AS THESE CLUBS ARE DEDICATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF
YOUTH IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE RECIPIENT OF THIS AWARD
BE A MAN OF IMPECABLE CHARACTER. CAN YOU GET US A
CLEARANCE ON [REDACTED] PLEASE WIRE COLLECT

ROBERT W YOUNG GOVERNOR DISTRICT 14 OPTIM ST
INTERNATIONAL 5514 YORK BLVD LOS ANGELES 42

CLINTON 6-4112

328PME..

Mr. Nichols

Cc: Mr. Nichols

RECORDED - 7

NOV 1 1956

b6
b7c

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 Att: FBI LABORATORY
 Lab. No. D-233099-AX

FROM : *JFM* SAC, Los Angeles (66-1700-1556)

SUBJECT: OBSCENE RECORDING ALLEGEDLY MADE
 BY DEAN MARTIN (ACTORS)
 ITOM

DATE: 1/31/57

ReBumemo 8/10/56.

In accordance with instructions contained in reffmemo, the record in question is being forwarded to the Laboratory under separate cover for appropriate disposition, since it is of no further value to the Los Angeles Office in this matter.

LFW:AB

- (3) Bureau (1 with package)
- (1) L.A. 66-1700-1556
- (4)

RECORDED - 17

EX - 120

2 FEB 4 1957

EXP. PROC. FEB 4 1957

Ref 7203
 52 FEB 12 1957

b6
b7c

April 9, 1965

6
DEAN MARTIN

Dean Martin was born as Dino Crocetti on June 17, 1917, in Steubenville, Ohio. Prior to entering into the entertainment field, Martin was employed as a boxer, a laborer in steel mills, a gas station attendant and a dealer in illegal gambling houses in Ohio. He currently resides in Beverly Hills, California.

Martin has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau; however, our files contain the following information concerning him:

He has been reportedly associated with several known hoodlums and is well known to the gambling interests in Las Vegas, Nevada. In 1961 he reportedly owned a one percent interest in the Sands Hotel, Incorporated, Las Vegas, Nevada, and he also has an interest in the Cal-Neva Lodge, Lake Tahoe. He has reportedly also been associated with prostitutes and officials of the Teamsters' Union. (92-3024; 92-3087; 92-6314; 62-9-31-399)

In November, 1955, unsubstantiated information was received from an admitted homosexual identifying numerous stage and screen personalities as homosexuals. This individual also stated that a number of other personalities in the entertainment business were known among homosexuals as "gay." He stated he had heard Dean Martin and [redacted] were classified as "gay." (94-45373)

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, in May, 1956, advised that Dean Martin [redacted] had made an extremely obscene phonograph record while cutting a record advertising one of their films. The source explained that the obscene portion of the record was supposed to have been destroyed but the master disc was saved and additional records were believed to have been circulated in Hollywood for personal amusement. Martin was also alleged to have been

NOTE: See letter to Marvin Watson, White House, 4-9-65.

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
DeLoach _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Evans _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

TBC:blh (10)

APR 19 1965

b6
b7C

Dean Martin

involved in the negotiations for an obscene film which was to be distributed outside the United States.

In August, 1956, an individual, whose reliability is unknown, advised that Martin had once been employed at Dum Dum's, a gambling establishment in Steubenville, Ohio. It was reported that occasionally Martin concluded his television show by jokingly stating, "Good night, Dum Dum." A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, in July, 1959, advised that Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin flew to Miami, Florida, to attend the July 4, 1959, wedding of [redacted]

[redacted] It was reported that [redacted] Samuel M. Giancana, a well-known Chicago hoodlum.

b6
b7C

Civil fingerprint cards were located in the files of the FBI Identification Division which may be identical with Martin. These fingerprints were searched through the criminal files of the Identification Division and no arrest record was located.

8/10, 19 ~~19~~

☐ Name Searching Unit - Room 6527
☐ Service Unit - Room 6524
☐ Forward to File Review
☐ Attention _____
☐ Return to _____

Type of References Requested:

☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)
☐ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive),
☐ Subversive References Only
☐ Nonsubversive References Only
☒ Main *analytical* References Only

Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of _____
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

Subject Walter Hoar, Mrs.
 Birthdate & Place 6-17-1917
 Address _____

Localities

R# 10 Date 8/10 Searcher Initials 923
Prod. 15

FILE NUMBER

SERIAL

✓ I 145-805
NP I 9-52769
I 61-190-1288
NP I 94-45373-6 num. 7-21-59
I 92-6258-77
NP I 92-8938-43

AUG

1972

August 21, 1972

DEAN MARTIN Summary

Copied
Captioned individual, who you advised can be contacted in care of [redacted] Chasin-Park-Citron Agency, 10889 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1020, Los Angeles, California, was born Dino Crocetti on June 17, 1917, at Steubenville, Ohio. Martin has not been the subject of an investigation conducted by the FBI. However, our files reveal the following information concerning him.

b6
b7C

He has reportedly been associated with several known hoodlums and is well known to the gambling interests in Las Vegas, Nevada. In 1961, he reportedly owned one percent in the Sands Hotel, Inc., at Las Vegas, and had an interest in the Cal-Neva Lodge at Lake Tahoe. Martin also was reported to be associated with prostitutes and officials of the Teamsters Union.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised in May, 1956, that Dean Martin [redacted] had made an extremely obscene phonograph record while cutting a record advertising one of their motion pictures. The source explained the obscene portion was supposed to have been destroyed but the master disc was saved and additional records were made and circulated. Martin also was alleged to have been involved in the negotiations for an obscene film to be distributed outside the United States.

b6
b7C

Another confidential source of reliable information reported Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin flew to Miami, Florida, to attend the July 4, 1959, wedding of [redacted] Samuel M. Giancana, a well-known Chicago hoodlum.

On April 20, 1972, the Nevada Gaming Commission approved the purchase of 8,000 shares of stock from Dean Martin by the Riviera Hotel, noting the shares amounted to 10 percent of ownership in that hotel. In January, 1969, Martin, as former owner of the Sands Hotel at Las Vegas, applied for a Nevada gaming license for a 10 percent interest in the Riviera as an \$80,000 investment.

NOTE: Per request of Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President.

EJK:dsm (5)

MAIL ROOM ☐

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

ENCLOSURE

145-805-6

Felt _____
Baker _____
Bates _____
Bishop _____
Callahan _____
Cleveland _____
Conrad _____
Dalbey _____
Jenkins _____
Marshall _____
Miller, E.S. _____
Ponder _____
Soyars _____
Walters _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Kinley _____
Mr. Armstrong _____
Ms. Herwig _____
Mrs. Neenan _____

Dean Martin

In 1969, Dean Martin gave a \$1,000 per couple fundraising party at his home for the benefit of the American Civil Liberties Union. (61-190-1288)

In May, 1950, a representative of the Vice Squad, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, advised that the names of [redacted] Dean Martin were contained in a book of alleged prospective customers which was found in a Chicago, Illinois, house of prostitution which allegedly catered to Hollywood male clientele.

In November, 1955, unsubstantiated information was received from an admitted homosexual identifying numerous stage and screen personalities as homosexuals. This individual also stated that a number of other personalities in the entertainment business were known among homosexuals as "gay." He stated he had heard Dean Martin [redacted] were classified as "gay."

b6
b7C

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

August 22, 1972

BY LIAISON

fw
pt
7
Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] and some other individuals. b6 b7C

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals:

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]
Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]
Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]
Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]
Dean Martin
[redacted]

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray

L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director

Enclosures (10)

8
ENCLOSURE

1 - Mr. Cleveland - Enclosures (sent direct)

JCF:mcbmcb
(5)
JCF

EX-105

Felt _____
Baker _____
Bates _____
Bishop _____
Callahan _____
Cleveland _____
Conrad _____
Dalbey _____
Jenkins _____
Marshall _____
Miller, E.S. _____
Ponder _____
Soyars _____
Walters _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Kinley _____
Mr. Armstrong _____
Mr. Hume _____

DELIVERED BY LIAISON
ON *8/23/72*

REC-4

145-805-6
NOT RECORDED
133 AUG 25 1972

ORIGINAL FILED IN

67-5-38-82
67-5-27
(34)